

letter. So they are laying the perimeters. They are saying that a final order has been issued, the banker violates this final order with the intent to injure or defraud, and it should not be a crime. Saints preserve us! Maybe they didn't write the letter saying what they meant or maybe they wrote the letter saying what they meant without intending to say what they really meant. Some people say more than they know and some people know more than they say. In this case the bankers said more than they intended to say. There has been much discussion ever since Commonwealth went under about why this and why that either happened or did not happen. We have a lot of arguments in this Chamber among ourselves in the aisle there, out in the corridor with various people but all the public sees is that the state created a situation where the public could rely on a certain set of circumstances. That reliance turned out to be misplaced because the state was not willing to stand behind what it had led the people to believe. In other words, they dealt with Commonwealth depositors in the way that the federal government has dealt with native Americans. You put words on paper that have no more substance than words written in water. Then you tell the people who trusted you, well, you know I am a liar. You know I am a thief. You know my job is to trick you. So instead of being upset, you ought to be thankful that it didn't cost you more than it did to learn the lesson. But I don't think the state should be in that business. And if a banker with those soft delicate hands whose fingers would never close around the butt of a pistol, whose soft beguiling seductive voice would never say to a clerk while pointing that pistol, give me your dough, but will manipulate with a pencil or not have documents notarized as they should be notarized, not have mortgages filed as they should be filed, set up straw persons to plunder the money. Such a banker ought not go to jail because of such stuff are the folk heroes of America made. Criminals have always been made heroes in this society. Not just Jesse James and Frank James, there can be sentiment about the Old West, but Al Capone, John Dillinger. A movie about Scarface is showing somewhere now, the Godfather, and these people are portrayed as semiheroes. Now in the State of Nebraska we have the bankers giving a confession in advance that they want to be able to disobey